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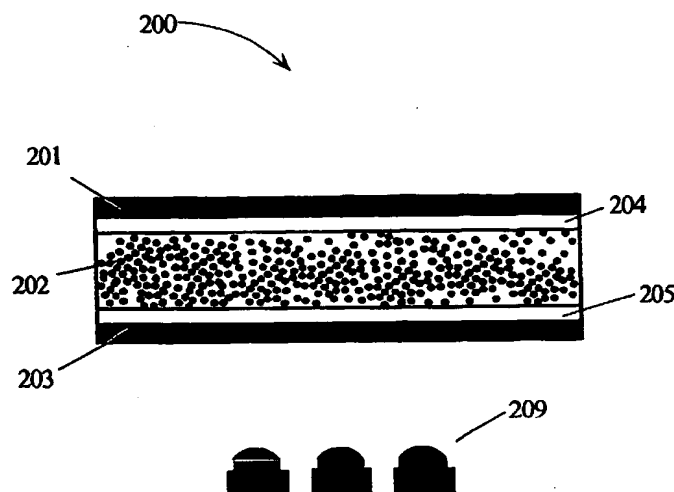
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(54) Title: A FIELD SEQUENTIAL DISPLAY DEVICE AND METHODS OF FABRICATING SAME



(57) Abstract: A device adapted for use in a field sequential color display. The device may include first and second polarizers (201, 203). A light scattering material (202) may be disposed between the first and second polarizers (201, 203). Additionally, the display may include a light source (209) having a plurality of colors. Portions of the light scattering material (202) are operable for selectable excitation. An excitation of a portion of the light scattering material (202) is operable for controlling an amount of light of a color of the plurality of colors emitted by the display device. Further, sub-frames from which an image frame is composed may be addressed in a segmented fashion, whereby each sub-frame includes a plurality of segments. The light source (209) is correspondingly pulsed in a segmented fashion. A given segment may be illuminated in a different color in each sub-frame. In this way, perceived flicker may be reduced.



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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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A	US 5,751,388 A (LARSON) 12 May 1998, columns 4-6.	1-23
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1. ☐ Claim Nos.:
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BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING

The inventions listed as Groups I, II, III do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the special technical feature of the Group I invention is the particular housing structure of an LCD device, the special technical feature of the Group II invention is a method of displaying an image frame, while the special technical feature of the Group III invention is a method for modifying an existing LCD. Since the special technical features of the Group I, II, III invention are different in each group, unity of invention is lacking.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid.

Group I, claim(s) 1-23, drawn to a display device comprising a polarizer, a light source, and a light scattering material disposed in a transmission path between the polarizer and a light source.

Group II, claim(s) 25-28, drawn to a method of displaying an image frame.

Group III, claim(s) 29-30, drawn to a method for modifying an existing liquid crystal display device.